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LETTER DATED 9 OCTOBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, a letter dated 27 September 1995 from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, bringing to your attention Resolution No. 5491 of 21 September 1995, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its 104th session in Cairo, concerning the "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East".

I should be grateful if you would kindly bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mahmoud ABOUL-NASR
Ambassador
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Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 1 October 1995 from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am pleased to inform you that the Council of the League of Arab States, at its 104th ordinary session, held on 21 September 1995 at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Arab States, gave special attention to the question of "the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East" and adopted resolution 5491, in which it invited the Security Council, in view of its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to ensure the universal implementation, without double standards, of all provisions concerning the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, to take the requisite steps to achieve that aim under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations and to provide non-nuclear-weapon States with effective and comprehensive security guarantees against the use or threat of use of such weapons.

The Council of the League drew attention to the serious implications of the continuation of the Israeli nuclear programme outside the international nuclear non-proliferation regime and of Israel's refusal to accede to the Convention and to subject its nuclear facilities to the full-scope safeguards regime. Perpetuation of the status quo by compelling the States of the Middle East with the exception of Israel to join a nuclear non-proliferation regime poses a threat to regional security and detracts from the credibility and universality of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States trusts that in your capacity as President of the Security Council you will accord this matter the attention it deserves and will take appropriate measures in this regard.

(Signed) Ahmad Esmat ABDEL MEGUID
Secretary-General of the League of Arab States